

Remarks

This reply is responsive to the official action dated August 4, 2004. Claims 1-15 have been amended and new claims 16-20 have been added to more particularly claim the invention. The specification has also been amended to correct several typographical errors. No new matter has been added, and the new claims are supported by the specification as filed. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the official action, the examiner:

- instructed applicant to update the Cross-Reference to Related Applications block to reflect the status of the Parent application;
- instructed applicant to make an editorial correction on page 5;
- rejected claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,578 to Gorman ("the Gorman patent").

Updated "Cross-Reference"

The specification has been amended as shown on page 2 of this paper to reflect the status of the parent application, which recently issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,651,578.

Editorial Corrections

The specification has been amended as shown on page 2 of this paper to reflect the examiner's suggested editorial correction. Specifically, the reference numeral "17," on page 5, line 20, has been changed to read reference numeral "16."

In addition, applicant has identified two other typographical errors on pages 5 and 6. Specifically, the reference numeral "28," on page 5, line 19, has been changed to read reference numeral "27," while the reference numeral "24" on page 6, line 21, has been changed to read reference numeral "29."

Rejections

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

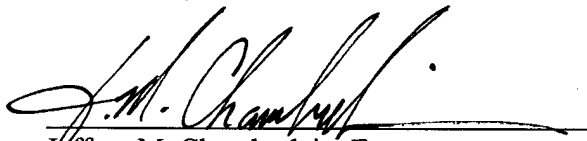
Claims 1-5, 6-10 and 11-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13-15, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,578.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. Thus, withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Applicant estimates that a fee of \$55.00 is due with this submission for filing of a terminal disclaimer. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge this amount, as well as the amount of any other required fees, to deposit account **50-2061**.

Respectfully submitted,



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